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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014, 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Sean Kelly, Vice Chairman Chris Todd, David Hurley, Stanislav Moline and, Alternate Donna Resutek

ABSENT: Alternate Stefanie Cunningham, Gilbert Gamboa

STAFF

PRESENT: Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

III. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion: Earthlight Tax Abatement and review of construction costs.

Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner, handed out a revised transaction of account submitted by Earthlight that was reviewed by the Commission.

By consensus, the commission found the minimum cost of construction to comply with the abatement Agreement.

Commissioner Hurley asked about the timeline for construction of Barn Yard, noting that site work has ceased. Ms. Houlihan noted that a signed abatement Agreement was recently received and noted that the Agreement does not become effective until confirmation of construction costs.

Commissioner Resutek noted her recollection that Barn Yard Barn Yard abatement review and representation that they would proceed with construction unhurriedly was not under pressure to proceed with construction. was not under pressure to proceed with construction.

~~NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS~~

IV. ACTIVE BUSINESS:

1. Discussion Regarding Future Business Event

The commission will participate in the November 8th Lifestyles Expo event at Star Hill Family Athletic Center, Tolland, CT, as part of the Tolland County Chamber Economic Development Committee booth. Chairman Kelly and Ms. Houlihan are attending. It was noted that other commissioners wanting to carpool should arrive at the Town Hall parking lot at 8:15 am.

Ms. Houlihan stated that requests have been sent to Kloter, Barn Yard, and Earthlight seeking testimonials from them explaining how tax abatements assisted them in investing in their businesses.

Chairman Kelly spoke to seeking information from the Farmers' Market.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

2. Report: Tolland County Chamber of Commerce (TCCC)

Chairman Kelly noted the 57th TCCC Annual Meeting on October 22nd from 7:45 to 10 am. He explained that he attended last's year annual meeting with Commissioner Gamboa and Ms. Houlihan and described the event. Anyone wanting to attend should contact the Planning Department by 10/17 and administrative staff will assist with registration.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

3. Report: Agricultural Initiatives

Ms. Houlihan stated that McKnight has signed the deed and it is now with the Attorney General's Office for signature. Bahler Farms has received all local approvals and a formal survey is underway.

The locations of the land up for preservation were noted. The commission spoke about the economic benefits of having a winery in town, noting the location of suitable soils.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

4. Report: Business Directory

A monthly activity report was provided. Fur new businesses signed up for the program since last meeting.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

5. Report: Business Surveys and Site Visits

Chairman Kelly asked that the Business Directory and this item be combined as one agenda item going forward.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

6. Report: Tax Incentive Programs

~~Nothing to report~~

Recently, the Board of Selectmen (BOS) endorsed C-PACE – (Commercial and Industrial Property Assessed Clean Energy), – a A program that funds energy efficient upgrades with low interest loans through low interest financing. The commission spoke about ways to advertise the availability of the program.

~~NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS~~

7. Report: Current Economic Activity

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the September 10, 2014 meeting minutes.

MOVED (TODD), SECONDED (MOLINE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

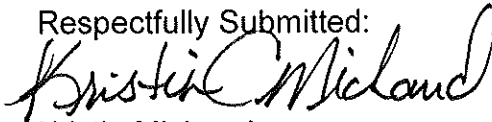
2. Correspondence:

- a. Revised Tax Abatement Policy and a Memo to Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner, from Maurice Blanchette, First Selectman, regarding EDC Tax Abatement Policy Revision.
- b. Tolland County Chamber of Commerce 57th Annual Meeting, October 22, 2014.
- c. The commission noted the draft of the Route 83 Corridor Study. They will review the draft for discussion at the next meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (HURLEY), SECONDED (TODD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING AT 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kristin Michaud
Recording Clerk